

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

5 Claims 1-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (new): A method for transmitting data packets, the method comprising:

10 sending a data packet from a sender to a recipient;
 sending a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data packet from the recipient to the sender;
 starting a timer for monitoring receipt of the confirmation message when the data packet is sent;
 charging for the data packet on receipt of the confirmation message;
15 sending a non-receipt message from the recipient to the sender if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not received;
 storing a number of non-receipt messages received in the sender; and
 sending a status request from the sender to the recipient if a limit value for non-receipt messages received is exceeded.

20 Claim 14 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, wherein no more data packets are sent if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

25 Claim 15 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, wherein the data packets are not charged for if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

30 Claim 16 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 13, further comprising sending a status request from the sender to the

recipient if no confirmation reaches the sender within the time frame started by the timer.

Claim 17 (new): A method for transmitting data packets as claimed in
5 claim 13, further comprising resetting the timer on receipt of a confirmation message.

Claim 18 (new): A terminal for transmitting data packets, comprising:
parts for sending a data packet from the terminal to a recipient;
10 parts for receiving from the recipient a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data packet;
a timer for monitoring receipt of the confirmation message which is started when the data packet is sent;
parts for charging for the data packet on receipt of the confirmation
15 message;
parts for sending a non-receipt message to the recipient if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not received;
parts for storing a number of non-receipt messages received; and
parts for sending a status request to the recipient if a limit value for non-
20 receipt messages received is exceeded.

Claim 19 (new): A system for transmitting data packets, comprising:
parts for sending a data packet from a sender to a recipient;
parts for sending a confirmation message confirming receipt of the data
25 packet from the recipient to the sender; and
a timer for monitoring receipt of a confirmation message which is started when the data packet is sent, wherein the timer is reset and the data packet is charged for on receipt of the confirmation message;
wherein if a data packet is at least one of not correctly received and not
30 received, a non-receipt message is sent from the recipient to the sender, wherein a number of non-receipt messages received is stored in the sender, and wherein a

status request is sent from the sender to the recipient if a limit value for non-receipt messages received is exceeded.

5 Claim 20 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein no more data packets are sent if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

10 Claim 21 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein the data packets are not charged for if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

15 Claim 22 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein a status request is sent from the sender to the recipient if no confirmation message reaches the sender within a time frame started by the timer.

16 Claim 23 (new): A system for transmitting data packets as claimed in claim 19, wherein the timer is reset on receipt of a confirmation message.